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1. It has been reported that all so-called "Regiebetriebe", i.e. all Soviet technical bureaus directed by the Soviet ministries in Germany will be closed by 31 October 1949.\* They will then be converted into SAG's or become people-owned plants.

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2. By converting technical bureaus into SAG's or people-owned plants the Russians are still able to exercise sufficient control over them and obtain necessary information about their activities.

3. Such Russian Technical Bureaus as the Rectifier Bureau, the Bureau Klingenberg, the BZ, NEF and BEFM, will probably close shortly before or after 31 October.

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\* Comment: The prediction concerning the closing of the technical bureaus seems to have some basis. Information had already been received in January 1949 that the end of the Soviet Technical Bureaus was in sight. Over the last two years signs of diminishing Soviet activity in technical fields could be noted. This development has continued and within the last half year a great number of technical bureaus in the Eastern Zone as well as in Berlin have been closed, and a great many others are expected to close for lack of orders.

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